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Dear Interested Cities and Counties:

On May 3, 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 900, a historic prison reform agreement. This agreement represents a major shift in the California correctional system and provides for the largest prison capital outlay program in decades. Among the provisions is the authorized funding to site and construct 16,000 beds in Secure Community Reentry Facilities (SCRF).

The enclosed Request or Interest and Offer of Land invite public entities to participate in this opportunity to enhance public safety through the use of new SCRFs.

I thank the following counties and their elected and appointed officials and supporting departments for much hard work in advancing the SCRF Initiative in their county: Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Kern, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Solano, and Yolo. These 19 counties represent leadership in California as they work to support this major shift in the California correctional system and continue their work in identifying land to site a Secure Community Reentry Facility.

Representatives of cities and counties who are not yet involved with the state in this initiative are asked to contact Cynthia Florez-DeLyon, Parole Administrator I, Division of Reentry Facilities, at 916-255-3896 should additional information be needed or if there are questions to discuss regarding siting interests and efforts.

Additional information regarding questions and answers, rehabilitation programs and policy updates are available at: http://www.cdcr.ca.gov, at the Prison Reform tab.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. TILTON

Secretary

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